IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION	DOCKET NO.: 53647
OF: DIETZEN ET AL.	CONFIRMATION NO.: 7429
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of January 05, 2009, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered by the Examiner.

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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¹⁾ Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 9 to 11 of this paper.